

DALE FARM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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RISK ASSESSMENT FOR DALE FARM EVICTION

Dear Mr Constant,

I write to raise with you the matter of the Risk Assessments which under health and safety regulations your company, as the contracted agents of Basildon District Council, are required to produce in respect of your direct action enforced evictions at Dale Farm, Crays Hill, and Hovefields Drive, Wickford, Essex.

The last letter which we have received from the BDC on this subject, dated 22 September 2009, is phrased in such a way as to suggest that Risk Assessments for the operation at Dale Farm had at the time of writing not yet been undertaken. Quote: "The Council along with its partners **will** also prepare risk assessments."

We must also refer to the letter of 3 April 2009 from Mr Peter Samuels, Service Advice Officer, BDC, informing us that "No risk assessments were undertaken by Basildon Council for the clearances at Hovefields Drive."

It is understood that meetings have since taken place between yourselves and senior Essex police officers regarding the planning for the operations referred to above.

Please reply within fourteen days to the following questions, answers to which I am seeking, where appropriate, under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1 Since the 22-9-2009 up until now has any action been taken by you or other members of the company in respect of preparations for the enforcement operations at Dale Farm and Hovefields Drive? If so what action has been taken?
- 2 Since the same date, has any action been taken by Constant & Co. to begin the process of drawing up Risk Assessments?
- 3 If no Risk Assessments have yet been drawn up, will you inform the DFHA when the Risk Assessment process begins?
- 4 Kindly supply copies of the Risk Assessments if they have been drawn up.

Sincerely,

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Secretary DFHA

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